

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Nancy Ballance, on April 11, 2017 at 8:00 AM, in Room 102 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Nancy Ballance, Chair (R)
Rep. Randy Brodehl, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Kelly McCarthy, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Dan Bartel (R)
Rep. Mike Cuffe (R)
Rep. Janet Ellis (D)
Rep. Carl Glimm (R)
Rep. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Rep. Kenneth L. Holmlund (R)
Rep. Jon A. Knokey (R)
Rep. Jimmy Patelis (R)
Rep. Rae Peppers (D)
Rep. Marilyn Ryan (D)
Rep. Brad Tschida (R)
Rep. Tom Woods (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Tom Burnett (R)
Rep. Rob Cook (R)
Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D)
Rep. Mike Hopkins (R)
Rep. Donald W. Jones (R)
Rep. Jim Keane (D)
Rep. Ryan Lynch (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Julie Johnson, Legislative Branch
Joe Triem, Legislative Branch
Sherri Row, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 55, 4/10/2017; SB 73, 4/10/2017; SB 90, 4/10/2017; SB 94, 4/10/2017; SB 119, 4/10/2017; SB 285, 4/10/2017

00:01:40 Chair Ballance relinquishes the Chair to Rep. Holmlund
 00:02:00 Vice Chair Brodehl and Vice Chair McCarthy left the meeting
 00:02:38 Rep. Keane, Rep. Burnett and Rep. Lynch arrived

HEARING ON SB 55

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:23 Sen. Daniel Salomon (R), SD 47, opened the hearing on SB 55, Revise nursery licensing, fees, inspections, and penalties.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:01 Rep. McKamey
 00:04:39 Jyl Story , Montana Nursery and Landscape Association (MNLA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:05:35 Sen. Salomon

HEARING ON SB 90

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:06:08 Sen. Nels Swandal (R), SD 30, opened the hearing on SB 90, Remove mandatory jail for driving on suspended or revoked license.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:07:45 Greg Mohr, Montana Magistrates Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:08:29 Rep. Woods
 00:08:45 Sen. Swandal
 00:09:01 Rep. Tschida
 00:09:28 Sen. Swandal
 00:09:52 Rep. Cuffe
 00:10:27 Sen. Swandal
 00:10:40 Rep. Burnett
 00:11:59 Sen. Swandal
 00:12:02 Rep. Lynch
 00:12:52 Sen. Swandal
 00:13:02 Rep. Ellis
 00:13:36 Stephanie Morrison, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
 00:14:07 Sen. Swandal

Closing by Sponsor:

00:14:21 Sen. Swandal

HEARING ON SB 94**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:14:38 Sen. Keith Regier (R), SD 3, opened the hearing on SB 94, Provide property tax exemption for certain residential property.

[**EXHIBIT**](#)(aph76a01)**Proponents' Testimony:** None**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:20:45 Director Mike Kadas, Department of Revenue (DOR)

00:22:47 Chair Holmlund

00:23:04 Eric Bryson, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

Informational Testimony: None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:24:16 Rep. Keane

00:26:49 Eric Bryson, MACo

00:26:54 Rep. Cuffe

00:27:47 Eric Bryson, MACo

00:28:34 Rep. Cuffe

00:31:29 Director Kadas, DOR

00:31:42 Vice Chair Brodehl joined the meeting

00:32:14 Rep. Ryan

00:32:43 Sen. Regier

00:33:07 Rep. Lynch

00:33:29 Director Kadas, DOR

00:34:32 Rep. Lynch

00:34:43 Director Kadas, DOR

00:34:54 Rep. Woods

00:35:14 Sen. Regier

00:35:47 Rep. Woods

00:36:10 Sen. Regier

00:36:57 Rep. Hamlett

00:38:12 Director Kadas, DOR

00:38:25 Rep. Hamlett

00:39:57 Eric Bryson, MACo

00:40:04 Rep. Hamlett

00:41:06 Sen. Regier

00:41:15 Rep. Ellis

00:42:17 Director Kadas, DOR

00:42:35 Chair Holmlund

00:42:59 Sen. Regier

00:43:15 Chair Holmlund

00:43:20 Rep. Hopkins, Rep. Jones and Rep. Cook joined the meeting

00:43:26 Sen. Regier

00:43:54 Rep. Keane
 00:44:31 Sen. Regier
 00:44:42 Rep. Ryan
 00:45:22 Director Kadas, DOR
 00:46:15 Rep. Jones
 00:49:50 Director Kadas, DOR
 00:50:10 Rep. Bartel
 00:51:02 Sen. Regier
 00:51:40 Rep. Tschida
 00:52:29 Sen. Regier
 00:52:33 Rep. Tschida
 00:53:56 Director Kadas, DOR
 00:54:39 Rep. Cook
 00:55:36 Director Kadas, DOR

Closing by Sponsor:

00:55:58 Sen. Regier

00:57:36 Chair Holmlund relinquished the Chair to Vice Chair Brodehl

HEARING ON SB 119

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:57:48 Sen. Jedediah Hinkle (R), SD 32, opened the hearing on SB 119, Revise laws related to discounted FWP licenses for certain nonresidents.

[EXHIBIT\(aph76a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(aph76a03\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:01:22 Rep. McKamey
 01:03:44 Bob Gilbert, Walleyes Unlimited Montana (WUM)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:05:06 Hank Warsech, Fish Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:05:27 Rep. Tschida
 01:06:18 Sen. Hinkle
 01:06:36 Hank Warsech, FWP
 01:07:01 Rep. Tschida
 01:07:17 Rep. Bartel
 01:07:54 Sen. Hinkle
 01:08:27 Hank Warsech, FWP
 01:08:47 Rep. Cuffe
 01:09:06 Sen. Hinkle
 01:10:35 Rep. Cuffe
 01:12:26 Hank Warsech, FWP

Closing by Sponsor:

01:12:47 Sen. Hinkle

HEARING ON SB 73

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:13:37 Sen. Pat Connell (R), SD 43, opened the hearing on SB 73, Revise laws related to livestock loss.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:15:52 George Edwards, Livestock Loss Board
01:16:40 Jim Brown, Montana Wool Growers Association (MWGA)
01:17:27 Eric Bryson, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
01:17:39 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:19:04 Rep. Tschida
01:19:32 Sen. Connell
01:20:55 Rep. Ellis
01:22:11 George Edwards, Livestock Loss Board
01:22:52 Chair Brodehl
01:23:10 George Edwards, Livestock Loss Board
01:23:13 Rep. Cuffe
01:24:58 George Edwards, Livestock Loss Board
01:25:11 Chair Brodehl
01:25:15 George Edwards, Livestock Loss Board
01:26:13 Rep. Peppers
01:26:32 George Edwards, Livestock Loss Board
01:26:54 Rep. Bartel
01:27:10 George Edwards, Livestock Loss Board

Closing by Sponsor:

01:27:51 Sen. Connell

HEARING ON SB 285

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:29:48 Sen. Mike Lang (R), SD 17, opened the hearing on SB 285, Establish the Montana Pulse Crop Committee.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:30:53	Rep. Ellis
01:31:39	Sen. Lang
01:32:32	Rep. Burnett
01:32:47	Sen. Lang
01:36:39	Rep. Keane
01:40:00	Sen. Lang
01:41:54	Rep. Cuffe
01:42:12	Sen. Lang
01:42:35	Rep. Cuffe
01:43:21	Rep. Hamlett
01:43:35	Sen. Lang
01:44:20	Rep. Hamlett
01:45:44	Sen. Lang
01:47:45	Rep. Lynch
01:47:57	Sen. Lang
01:48:14	Rep. Woods
01:48:29	Sen. Lang

Closing by Sponsor:

01:48:46	Sen. Lang
01:49:31	Chair Brodehl

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:49:40

Sherri Row, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([aph76aad.pdf](#))